

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

January 8, 2015

The Way In, Salvation Army

Attendance: **HED Committee Members present:** Monica Yamada, Carole Massie, Chad Lewis. Not present: John Tronson, Frank Babitch, Derick Malec. **SVBID Committee Members present:** Elizabeth McDonald. Not present: Fabio Conti, Anthony Bell, Fred Rosenthal. **Liaisons:** Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, Bill Farrar, John Adams, Andrews International. Deputy Santiago Robles, LA County Sheriff. SLO Paul Jordan and Officer Joe Eubanks, LAPD. Jackie Lawson, Office of the City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor. Staff: Kerry Morrison. Guests: Mike Arminio, LAFS; Betty, Rita, Silvercrest Senior Apartments.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Monica Yamada at 10:10 a.m.
- II. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this meeting.
- III. Meeting Notes: The committee reviewed the meeting notes from their December 11, 2014 meeting.
- IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Joe Salazar presented a year end summary for both BIDs. He indicated that Andrews International had just completed seven years of service to the HED and SVBID. In 2014, there were 1,057 private person's arrests, 39 less than 2013. There were 2,323 citizen contacts, and 31,827 business contacts. Officers logged 3,011 hours of "high visibility" patrol. With respect to calls for service, there was a decline in 2014 (4,865) as compared to 2013 (5,600).

B. Report from LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Paul Jordan commended four BID Patrol officers for their professionalism and support of LAPD in the field: Sol Patton, Leonard Sterling, Mike Coogle and Mike Ayala. There was also a general discussion about the challenges of keeping track of trespass arrest authorization forms that are collected from businesses – this was the topic of a recent discussion on Vine Street where there has been an uptick in people camping out during the day on private property. Jackie Lawson reported that in Santa Monica, they have an online system to track trespass forms; much more efficient than the three-ring notebook that LAPD keeps of hard copy forms. Morrison indicated she would look into this.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Robles reported that phone thefts are down on the Red Line. The bus-riding enforcement team is concentrating in South LA at present.

D. Neighborhood Prosecutor: Jackie Lawson reported that the CA office has hired a special prosecutor to handle cases associated with protest violations. She also suggested that the BID could make a batch of "no trespassing" signs and distribute as needed when business need this type of warning sign noted.

E. CD 13 – no report this month.

V. New Business

A. Homeless Initiatives

- County homeless count is scheduled for January 29, 2015 in Hollywood.
- The Hollywood BID board approved the allocation of funds to hire an Americorps worker, through the Hope for the Homeless program, who will assist with homeless

outreach in the BID. The Sunset Board will be approached to see if they can share in the cost of that worker (\$10,000 total).

- Morrison reported that through a collaboration of churches in Hollywood, there is a winter shelter, called the “Winter Refuge” which is operating at Hollywood Presbyterian from January 4 through March 7. This will be an opportunity to invite in off the streets approximately 30 very vulnerable homeless people in Hollywood and connect them with services and housing opportunities.

B. Alcohol Task Force

Morrison reported that a key initiative of 2014 involved trying to get to the root causes of the situation faced by so many people in the district who suffer from alcohol addiction. The supply side was investigated (e.g, what substances are involved? where are they sold? how much do they cost?) The demand side was also investigated (who are the individuals who gravitate to the BID? Why do they come here? How do they fund their addiction? How can we help them?)

In the new year, she will be looking at two potential projects: (1) how can we get immediate access to de-tox beds and rehab programs for folks who are willing to leave a life of addiction? And (2) is it possible to create a specific plan in Hollywood that would ban the sales of small quantity spirits and single cans of beer?

VI. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2015.

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.